

FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1910 – HB 1950

May 25, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (009394): Enacts the “Schools Against Violence in Education Act” or “SAVE Act” which requires the Commissioner of Education to establish a state-level safety team to assist LEAs with compliance. LEAs shall adopt comprehensive district-wide and building-level school safety plans dealing with crisis intervention, emergency response and emergency management as it relates to school violence. The Department of Education, in conjunction with the Department of Safety, shall establish a statewide uniform violent incident reporting system for reporting information regarding violent and disruptive incidents. No later than February 1, 2008, the commissioner will report annually to the governor and general assembly as to implementation and compliance.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$85,500/Dept. of Education

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - \$170,100*

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$85,500/Dept. of Education

Assumptions applied to amendment:

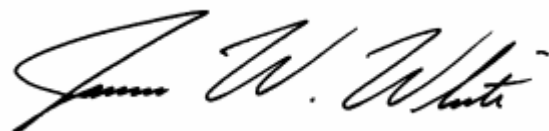
- One additional position in the Department of Education will be needed to review submitted safety plans, provide consultation to local school districts, collect and assemble violent incident data, and prepare required reports. The cost of such position is estimated to be approximately \$75,500 including benefits and approximately \$10,000 for travel expenses.
- Ongoing school safety training for local school districts to insure that required plans are up-to-date and viable is estimated to be not significant and can be handled within existing resources of the department.

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- Any cost to the Department of Safety to consult the Department of Education in establishing a statewide uniform incident reporting system for LEAs to follow is estimated to be not significant and can be handled within existing resources.
- There could be some cost associated with the requirement that LEAs must file information concerning violent and disruptive incidents to the Commissioner of Education. However, such increase is estimated to be not significant on local government expenditures. This would most likely affect the large school districts with the largest number of students and a higher rate of incidents.
- Removes the training requirement for school resource officers (SROs) not currently trained in school policing which resulted in the increase in local government expenditures on the original bill.
- Determining the membership of the state-level safety teams is not expected to impact state or local government expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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